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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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GROSJEAN-COURNOYER et al.) Group Art Unit: 1636
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Application No.: 10/507,416) Examiner: Michele K. Joike
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§371 Acceptance Date: May 27, 2005)
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For: MUTAGENESIS OF ASPERGILLUS FUNGI) Confirmation No.: 6878
AND IDENTIFICATION OF GENES)
ESSENTIAL FOR GROWTH)
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated May 16, 2007, the Examiner required
restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

Groups 1-79, claims 1-13 and 16 drawn to a nucleic acid encoding an
essential for growth (EFG) polypeptide, a polypeptide, an
expression cassette, and a host cell, and the method of identifying
a candidate inhibitor.

Group 80, claims 14-20, drawn to a method of locating at least one gene
essential for the growth of a haploid fungus.

Group 81, claims 22-24, drawn to diploid strains.

Group 83, claim 25, drawn to a method for screening compounds that are
active against *A. fumigatus*.

Groups 84-124, claims 27-29, drawn to a composition capable of inhibiting
haploid fungal growth.

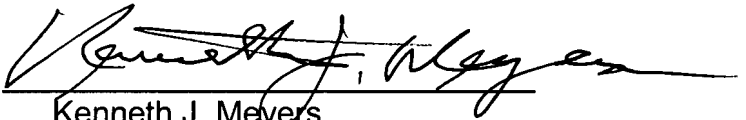
Applicant elects to prosecute Group 80, claims 14-20, drawn to a method of locating at least one gene essential for the growth of a haploid fungus. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications claiming the non-elected subject matter.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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